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Extracts of Proceedings of District Educational Officers Conference.

Sub: Elementary Education- Dt.Boards- Appointment of Supervisors.

The Coimbatore District Board was running 850 elementary schools with 1,65,000 children. The Board has to attend to several other items of work like high schools, roads, medical and public health administration etc. So it was an impossible task for the District Board to bestow sufficient attention on the supervision of elementary schools. Of course, the Educational authorities were there to supervise, but there must be somebody who could devote the time and attention for the rectification of the defects pointed by them. The Coimbatore District Board requested the Government very often to permit them to appoint their own supervising agency out of the District Board funds. But the Government repeatedly turned it down. He reiterated the request for the consideration of the Government.

The Coimbatore friend wants one minor reforms to be introduced. He wants that some supervisors must be appointed for looking after the schools. He said that his request to the Govt. in regard to this matter has not been attended to. I knew of his request to-day only for the first time. I will look into it. When it is said that these supervisors will be paid from the funds of the Dt.Bds. I think there may not be any difficulty. However, it is necessary that there should be little conflict between the one authority and another. If there was no conflict between these proposed supervisors and others it will be good.

Sri V.K. Ramaswamy Mudaliar; We want the Supervisors only to see whether there are the students, furniture etc., in the school as per the register.

The Hon. Chief Minister: You want these people to ascertain whether there is total deception or not (Laughter). Well, they can do even something more. Anyway, I feel there will not be much difficulty as I hope the Govt. will not be asked to bear the expenditure in this connection. However, I wish to point out that our country has the peculiar quality of requiring one supervisor for every one workman and that supervisor will not do any part of the work himself but will supervise the work of others.

/True extract/

Education Cell-

In G.O.4069 L & M dated 5-10-1935 the Govt. considered that the employment of supervisors for elementary school under Dt.Boards was unnecessary. Subsequently proposals were made by certain District Boards for the employment of Supervisors. These proposals were rejected on the ground that the appointment of Supervisors would mean merely duplicating the work of the Inspecting staff of the department.

In 1950 the Dt.Bd. North Arcot represented that the appointment of Supervisors proposed

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was not for attending the inspection work of the elementary schools but for attending to the following items of work:-

(a) For selection of rented buildings for schools.
(b) For selection of suitable sites for playgrounds.
(c) For the verification of stock registers of tools and plants in schools.
(d) For getting the broken articles in schools repaired locally.
(e) For taking action to write off unserviceable articles which could not be either repaired or auctioned.
(f) for taking action to auction the broken articles which could not be got repaired.

(g) for effecting transfer of the excess articles from one school to another.
(h) for conducting enquiries.
(i) for examining whether the schools are kept open during working hours.
(j) for verifying whether the teachers attend schools regularly
(k) for deducting non resident teachers.
(l) for arranging for the conduct of play festival.
(m) for verifying whether the defects noted by the inspecting officers at visits and inspections rectified by the teachers so far as accommodation, equipment and staff requirements are concerned.

(n) for attending to all other items of work, on the non-technical side

Similar representations were received from the Dt.Bds. Guntur South Arcot Chingleput, Tanjore, Ramanathapuram and Coimbators. These representations were examined in consultation with the I.L.B. and the D.P.I.

The I.L.B. stated that the appointment of Supervisors was necessary in the interests and the efficiency of administration of the Elementary schools and to prevent wastage of expenditure on them. He also suggested that the Supervisors might be given a fixed T.A. at the rates admissible to the Revenue Inspectors and a peon.

The D.P.I. stated that the inspecting staff of the dept. had been augumented recently and that it would be possible to entrust the duties referred to by the P.D.B. North Arcot to the Deputy Inspectors of schools. He also reported that the Supervisors could not do more effective work than the Deputy Inspectors.

When the file was circulated, the then M (E & L minuted as follows:-

"This is unnecessary and duplication of inspection - May be dropped".

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3-4-51.

Accordingly the proposal to appoint the Supervisors of Elementary schools under Dt.Bd. was dropped.

Subsequently the P.D.B. Coimbatore requested that the Board might be permitted to emplay supervisors of Schools. The request was also negatived. The Chamber of Dt.Boards also in its meeting dated

dated 16-9-52 requested the renewal of appt. of supervisors. This request was also negatived in Govt. Memo No.50666-C/52-1 Edn. dated 19-2-53.

In the meantime the question of appointing Asst. Secretaries in Dt.Bd. offices in lieu of the Dt.Bd. Educational Officers was considered in consultation with the Committee for the reorganisation of the Dt.Bd. administration. The Committee made the following recommendation regarding the appt. of Supervisors:-

"In order to ensure that the education work of the Dt.Bd. is properly done and that the Dt. Bd. elementary schools get adequate supervision there must be an adequate number, say one for every 100 elementary school of 'Supervisors' of elementary schools who will actually go about and check the working of the schools and supervise the work of the headmasters. These supervisors should be subordinate to Dt.Bds. and be Senior Secondary Grade Teachers and they must be recruited from the Dt.Bd. teaching staff."

This proposal was dropped for the reasons that the financial position of most of the Dt.Bds. is unsatisfactory and that the appt. of Supervisors would mean unnecessary duplication of the work which is already being done by the inspecting staff of the Education Department.

At present the control and supervision of elementary schools under Dt.Bd. is exercised by the Dt.Bds. and the Edn. Deptt. through the Junior and Senior Deputy Inspectors of Schools under the control of the Dt. Educational Officers. The annual and surprise inspections of the schools, recommendation regarding the grant and withdrawal of recognition and appointment of additional teachers etc. are all done by the Deputy Inspectors of schools and the administrative side of the work like appt. and transfer of teachers, grant of leave to them, selection of buildings, provision of equipment etc. is attended to by the President Dt. Bds. The Dt.Bd. Educational Officers were originally appointed to assist the Pt.Dt.Bds. in the administration of elementary education in the District.

It may be pointed out in this connection that the Conference of the P.D.Bs. and the Inspecting Officers held on the Ist to 3rd June, the P.D.B. Coimbatore stated that appointment of Supervisors was absolutely necessary in the interest of elementary education and requested the C.M. to look into the matter. The C.M. assured that he would look into this. Attention is in this connection invited to the extracts of the proceeding of the conference on pp 1-2 ante.

The question of appointment of Supervisors of Elementary schools involves (i) a deviation from the existing procedure and (ii) additional expenditure from the Elementary Education funds of Dt. Boards most of which are in deficits. Further the D.P.I. is not favour of this proposal for the reasons stated in his letter on pp 49-50 of 'P'

In the circumstances it is for orders whether

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this question will be pursued, further especially in the eve of partition of the State.

It may be noted with rerorence to 'A' on page 3 ante that the Govt. recently considered the question of appointment of Asst. Secretaries in the Dt. Bd. Office and they consider that this is one of policy and that as we are on the eve of partition they have decided to leave the question to be considered by the two new States. This decision may apply also to the question of appointment of Supervisor of Elementary schools. For orders.

L.A. and Finance may see before circulation.

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L.A.
Finance.

Please see the note of the Edn.Department on pp 2-6 above. The financial position of the Dt.Bds. in general is not satisfactory and many of them depend on Govt. grants to wipe of the deficits either in the general or the elementary education account. Any new proposal involving expenditure should be considered on merits, with reference to the financial position of each Board otherwise it will indirectly affect the finances of the State which may have to foot the bill ultimately in the form of D.O. grants towards the deficit in the accounts of the Dt.Bds. The time is also inopportune to consider this question especially in view of the formation of the Andhra State. Moreover, the Dt.Bds. are now in charge of the Special Officers (Collectors of the Dts.) who may be expected to exercise proper control over elementary schools in the Districts. This department may therefore agree with 'X' on page 6 ante.

The file may be passed on to Finance Deptt.

J.S./4-7-53.

Finance.

The note of the Education Deptt. from the middle of page 2 above may be perused. The proposal for the appointment of supervisors for Dt.Bd. Elementary schools from the funds of the Dt.Bds. was already considered by the Govt. once and dropped. Attention is in this connection invited to this departments note on pp 9-11 nf. of 'P'. In view of the impending partition of the State Edn. Deptt. consider that the present proposal which involves a question of policy may be left over for thnsideration by the new Govts. of the divided State. In view of the unsatisfactory financial position of the Dt.Boards many of which depend on Govt. grants to wipe off the deficits. L.A.Deptt. have agreed to 'A' above. In the circumstances this deptt. also may agree with the view of the Edn.Deptt. expressed at 'X' on page 6 above.

Education.

The file relates to the appointment of

Supervisors of elementary schools under the Dt. Boards.

Please see this Department's notes on pp 2-6 ante. L.A. and Finance agree with the views of this Deptt. that the question of reviving the policy of appointment of Supervisors of Elementary schools may be left to be considered by the new Govts. of the divided States.

The file may be circulated to M(Acc.), M(Edn.) M(Fin) and C.M.

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Orders in circulation above. A draft memo is submitted for approval. After issue the papers may be recorded.

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Superintendent.